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## BRIEFS

**D RICE ANTI-LOITERING  
BILL CLEARS SENATE**

TRENTON—State Rep. Ronald L. Rice's Bill to bar loitering public places for purposes of selling controlled dangerous substances was given final approval by the Senate. The bill, S-621, aimed at halting illegal drug trafficking, would amend the New Jersey criminal code to proscribe loitering in a public place to be a disorderly persons offense. The bill now goes to the governor.

**D CASE OF MISSING BOY  
PROMPTS CONCERN**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldi sponsored legislation that would establish a computerized national data bank under FBI control to give state law enforcement agencies immediate access to criminal records of convicted child molesters. The legislation was introduced after police ran into a dead end in seeking information on the disappearance of five-year-old Timothy Witsey at a carnival in Sayreville.

**D CORRECTIONAL  
FACILITIES FUNDS OK'D**

TRENTON—Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Jackie R. Mattison would provide \$25.4 million to expand and renovate correctional facilities. The bill was approved by the Assembly Appropriation Committee. The measure (A-4472) goes to the full Assembly for consideration.

**D TOWN WATER FILES  
FOR RATE INCREASE**

WESTFIELD—Elizabethtown Water Company petitions the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for a rate increase that would raise rates and increase in revenues of \$12.7 million or 15.3 percent over current revenues.

**D NIN TRANSMITTER  
GRANT APPROVED**

TRENTON—Legislation sponsored by Assemblymen Jackie Mattison and John Watson to appropriate \$743,000 in federal funds to replace an aging transmitter used by New Jersey Network was approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill now goes to the full Assembly for consideration.

**D REPORT ENDORSES  
EMPLOYER SANCTIONS**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Presidential report, *The Second Report on the Implementation and Impact of Employer Sanctions*, strongly endorsed employer sanctions. It said that: sanctions decrease illegal immigration from U.S. Workers, decrease labor exploitation and decrease visa-overstay violations.

## Bradley urges Bush—dump phony 'quota' racist appeals

by Chester A. Higgins, Sr.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NNPA)—Declaring that "racial tension is too dangerous to exploit and too important to ignore," Sen. Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) challenged President Bush to do more than racial division "quotas" and "affirmative action" voter appeals and instead, use presidential leadership to bring blacks and whites together.

He offered a four-point program that, with Bush's leadership, can bring Americans together again.

Bradley, the 48-year-old Rhodes scholar and former professor of architecture, was one of the first Senate Democratic leaders to end his silence on the explosive issue of racial politics that has been so cleverly and cruelly exploited by the Republicans in recent years. (Since Bradley has spoken out, Sens. Tom Harkin (D-Ia.), and Jay Rockefeller (D-W.V.) have also condemned Bush's use of veiled racism.)

GOP use of the racist ploy dates back to Ronald Reagan's 1980's use of the "welfare queen." The 1983 Bush presidential campaign with its shameful use of the "Willie Horton" advertising (Horton was the black convict who committed a capital crime while on furlough), to the Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) ad utilized during the 1984 Senatorial race with Black Democrat Harvey Gant, showing white hands crumpling a job rejection letter because of "quotas." On the strength of this ad, Helms won the nip-and-tuck race.

This usage also includes in the Senate floor speech. He followed it up with a searing speech from the heart at the National Press Club on July 16.

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Ronald Reagan's welfare queen distort reality. George Bush's rapist-murderer (Horton) panders to those in the electorate who can see the individual for his color.

Bradley, who at one time was considered presidential timber, and may yet toss his hat into the ring, recounted his birth and upbringing in Crystal City, Mo., a small town of 3,492, tucked be-

tween two limestone bluffs on the banks of the Mississippi River. He attended school in that multi-ethnic, multi-racial community, the high school class "Integrating in the 90's" in 1964. In his best sense of the oneness of humanity came in the 10-years he played professionally with the New York (Continued on page 2)

## More than just a safe place



Betty Flood, a telecommunication assistant at Public Service Electric and Gas Company, gives more than 250 children a safe place to go after school - a recreational game room for the children who live at The Garden Spires housing complex on First Street in Newark, New Jersey.

## UCC kicks off its 'New Beginning' solidifying commitment to Plainfield

by Stacey Peterson



Mary Gladden, Chairman of the Plainfield/Western Sector Advisory Council of Union County College; Thomas H. Brown, Freshwater Chairman James Connolly Welsh, and UCC Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Frank H. Blatz, Jr., stand before the college's new sign to be placed in front of UCC's Plainfield campus.

## Let's get back to basics to achieve academic excellence

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

If you are rushing around trying to go to every department store in an attempt to catch their ongoing "back-to-school" gimmicks, you probably need to slow down and think about what kind of signals and messages they are sending.

Before you go out and spend your hard earned money on the latest fashion trends, you need to have a serious discussion with your children about what you expect them to do in school this year. You should review their experiences from the previous school year. What grades did they

receive in each academic area? How can they work on making improvements? You should share with them your expectations, and make sure they fully understand what they are.

Your child should be encouraged to develop a set of goals for him- or herself that they would like to achieve during this upcoming school year. The goals should encompass academic pursuits, as well as personal growth and development. It might even be good for them to write out these goals and place them somewhere in their room where they can constantly see them.

It's important to use these next few weeks before the start of

school, getting them focused on improving work habits and study skills. They should be finishing any summer projects or reading assignments which they were given to do over the summer. You need to let them see the work so that you won't get to see the night before school starts with your child running around the house at the last minute trying to finish their assignments.

Reviewing skills which were supposed to have been mastered during the previous school year is extremely important. When a student enters a class that is at a

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PLAINFIELD — Local and college officials ushered in Union County College's "New Beginning" Thursday afternoon during a ground breaking ceremony for Plainfield's campus which is to be totally renovated over the next year.

UCC President Dr. Thomas H. Blatz, in his welcoming comments to the crowd, said the \$2.6 million renovation project will raise the status of the campus from its present moniker of "site" to "branch," putting it on par with the Elizabeth and Scotch Plains campuses.

Said that these are not empty words but a "beginning with an end," as well as a genuine commitment from the college to the city.

Dr. Brown was joined by Frank H. Blatz, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell; Freshwater Chairman James Connolly Welsh; Freshwater Chairman Gerald Green, and Mary Gladden, Chairman of the Plainfield/Western Sector Advisory Council, in expressing their thanks and joy as the college moves towards another level of education.

Blatz, in his welcoming comments to the crowd, said the campus and believe its growth and success will strengthen the coalition between Plainfield, UCC, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the state Department of Education.

"It shows the depth of our commitment to make sure the

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## Paterson NAACP group meets state officials

by Freddie Robinson

PATERSON—At another in a series of news public meetings with Paterson parents and elected residents Melinda Persi, acting Assistant Commissioner of Education for County and Regional Services, appeared last Thursday at a meeting held at the office of the Paterson Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Likely that the New Jersey State Board of Education will vote, on August 7, to approve a state takeover of Paterson schools, Persi, in an almost 2-hour presentation, attempted to calm various fears some community members have expressed about the proposed move.

The meetings before community groups present opportunities, Persi says. To develop mutual trust that now doesn't exist."

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Last April a state Comprehensive Compliance Investigation report concluded document a 15-year failure of the district to provide a "thorough" and "efficient" education for its 22,300 students. The report also slammed

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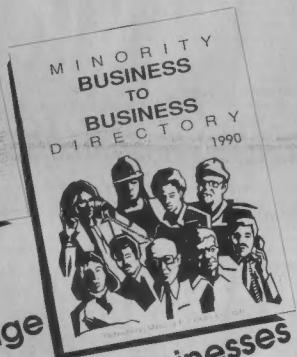
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## EDITORIAL

### *Education "the beginning"*

Union County College announced to the community the renovation of its Plainfield center and the expansion of the center into a full fledged branch campus. The announcement signals a significant step for the county college to make its quality educational programs, for which it is known, accessible to population centers in Elizabeth, in the Eastern sector of the county, and Plainfield, in the Western sector of the county. The desire of the college to create branch campuses in areas that are accessible by public transportation and which constitute a larger number of minority and lower income residents is an intelligent strategic move since these centers are projected to have a larger share of the college's enrollment. Union County College President Dr. Thomas Brown, UCC Board of Governors and Board of Trustees and Union County Freeholders deserve congratulations for their courage and foresight. Economic development in the county depends heavily on the quality of the workforce. UCC's new presence in the urban centers has the potential to significantly impact upon workforce quality.

Dr. Brown called to project a "New Beginning with an end." A "new beginning" because Union College and UCC have had an historical presence in Plainfield and Elizabeth. There is an end to the new beginning with the completion of the facility which will indicate a clear presence in the urban centers. But, Plainfield's "New Beginning" is also a "new beginning" for the college itself; its relationship with the city of Plainfield and the state it will serve. The "end" ultimately will be better educated and prepared residents of Union County in general and urban centers specifically.

During the ceremony last Thursday, several school and local officials pointed out the importance of committing to and educating residents of urban centers. Yes, it is important, not just for Union County, but for the state of New Jersey, and the entire nation. All Americans need to know that if they want an education it is accessible to them.

With the institution of public education in disarray and under attack, the cost of attending college going through the roof, and a high school diploma just not cutting it anymore, the education and services provided by community colleges are more vital now than ever.

Building a "new beginning" in a college setting, success will be based on the desire and commitment of residents of the county to seek a first class education at a reasonable price in their own backyard. Accessibility should help residents see that students come in all shapes, sizes, races, and ages. They will have a chance to be closer to scholarship and the local success stories. They will see the positive results that come from knowledge and see how a person can grow because of what they know. They also will see that it is never too late. If you are 22 or 92, if you are single and carefree or a single parent with very little free time, it does not matter. Union County College is there for you if you have the courage to reach for "the education that is really just the beginning."

### Child watch...

## Stand up for the 'Boyz'

by Marion Wright Edelman

Statistics reveal how many African-American young men are in serious trouble. Every nine hours a Black boy (15-19) is murdered. Every five hours a Black young adult (20-24) is murdered. A Black boy has a 1 in 24 chance of being imprisoned while in his 20s.

The "Boyz N The Hood" brings these facts home with stunning force. Our sons, brothers, husbands, and fathers are struggling everyday to survive and succeed against tremendous odds.

John Singleton, the 23-year-old director, shares the lack of childhood of thousands of Black youngsters growing up amidst gang violence, crime and poverty. It's happening in every urban center across America. Singleton's own childhood experience inspired him to produce it on film, depicting his difficult upbringing in South Central Los Angeles. He pursued his dream of writing and directing by attending the University of Southern California's Film Writing Program and excelled.

Not every child who dreams of becoming a filmmaker achieves that dream, of course.

But every child can be put on a productive path with a little help from adults and with caring rather than indifferent families and communities.

In the Black community, we can start by strengthening our families. The movie character, Korryn, was a single mother, separated, who did all she can to keep her straight. Not every family has such a strong male or parental influence, but caring neighbors and extended family and community support from groups like the Concerned Black men can put more of our children on the right track. Growing up in the segregated South, children had compassion-

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by Connie Woodruff

When he was growing up in Newark, nobody promised Council President Donald Tucker a rose garden...but nevertheless that's exactly what he had this week when he attended a ceremony in the rose garden of the White House to receive one of the 10 most livable city awards for Newark.

Next week it will be time again to sing "Happy birthday" to Councilman-at-large Ralph Grant. Wonder what kind of "surprise" wife, wife, will have for him this year.

It's now official. Denice Taylor of Newark, daughter of Newark Housing Authority administrator, Dorothy Lee, is the youngest woman to be elected to a national office of the National Assn. of Negro Business and Pro-

fessional Women's Clubs, Inc. (BPW). Denice ran as an unopposed candidate for Second Vice President, thus making an easy transition from National Youth Club proxy to the BPW adult affiliate.

Denise was graduated from Hampton University in May and shortly thereafter landed a job with NYNEX but for months she had combined final exams and then a busy work schedule with campaigning for a position that is sure to land her one of the Who's Who.

Leonard S. Coleman, vice president of Kidder Peabody Co. and Barbara Wright Bell, director of Newark Boys and Girls Clubs are now members of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NJ, board of directors.

The Boys and Girls Clubs are also on the board of a private partnership that will build a new theatre complex in Newark's Central Ward.

There are also complaints from some in the previous generation that they are not being treated courteously and respectfully by their black leaders who seem to resent complainers who want them to accountable.

The rumors of feuding and fighting among blacks (Democrats and Republicans) has some people nervous and upset they could become the victims of the old divide and conquer tactic.

There appears to be enough power, prestige and goodies around for everybody to get a piece of the action, so is greed raising its ugly head?...Whatever the reason elected officials owe their first allegiance to the voters who put them in office not to their selfish desires.

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If black elected officials aren't accountable to us who will? In a majority of the political races blacks run in nearly all-black dis-

tricts and if they run at large for a county or state office, they make it by garnering 90 plus percent of the existing black vote in states like Virginia and Connecticut. So what's the big deal about being polite to the people who make you possible?

Where did Warren Smith go when he left Englehardt? He went with a prestigious law firm, that's where.

At long last the state has taken over the Peterson school system and not a minute too soon!...For some unexplained reason state authorities seem to be reluctant to bring pressure to bear on anything dealing with minorities...Most minority parents want their children to get a good basic education despite arguments to the contrary. Working parents in particular would prefer their kids being in

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higher level then he or she was enrolled in during the last semester, the teacher will expect that the student is prepared to work on mastering new skills. While there will be some basic review work during the first couple of days in school, it would be to your child's advantage to start their review work now. Areas that they may have had some problems with should, of course, be extensively reviewed.

I raise these issues up now, because if your discussion with your children just centers around buying them new clothes, so they will be in fashion when they start school, then you are heading towards big trouble. Their minds will be on looking good, but it won't be on their academic success. Whose wearing what outfit

you might want to reconsider what will you purchase for your children next year? What were the reasons? If lack of effort, and laziness were the major factors, what are you going to do about it? Should the child be given new clothes, shoes, sneakers etc. to start the school year? Only you can answer this, but, you need to sit down with your child and discuss it.

You can start the new school year off on a positive note if you begin to put your words into action. Don't keep rewarding failing grades and bad attitudes with more and more privileges. It destroys the integrity and work ethic of the child. Then, when you wonder how come there isn't any improvement, you conveniently overlook the role you may have

played in reinforcing negative habits. You must take responsibility, and thereby expect for your child to do the same. If you are failing grades last year, what were the reasons? If lack of effort, and laziness were the major factors, what are you going to do about it? Should the child be given new clothes, shoes, sneakers etc. to start the school year? Only you can answer this, but, you need to sit down with your child and discuss it.

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# YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

## Cowa Bunga, Dudes! Ninja Turtles fight measles

**NEWARK**—The City of Newark's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today announced it is enlisting the services of Michelangelo of the "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," a green, adolescent reptile and martial arts expert, in its public awareness campaign to promote free measles shots for Newark youngsters.

Through a promotion conceived by the health division and Gannett Outdoor Advertising staff artists, the cartoon character will adorn Gannett billboards in Newark, HHS officials said. The goal of the campaign is to promote city-wide immunization and make sure all Newark children age six months through all Newark children five years.

Claude Wallace, manager of the division of community health, said the billboard displays will start the second week in August and run for about three months. The Ninja Turtles displays will coincide with the start of the school year in September. Three of the displays will be in Spanish.

The hero-in-a-half-shell should be a "positive" way to make children and parents more aware of the serious need for immunization against diseases," he said.

Mayor Sharpe James agreed, praising the health department for its creativity in fighting measles and other diseases. "The epidemic is very serious because measles can lead to other damaging illnesses and lasting effects. I commend the Newark health division



for their imaginative approach in battling this health crisis."

Bobbi Ruffin, HHS acting director, concurred: "The use of the character from the animated series and movies is a positive way to aid the department's public awareness campaign in its effort to get more Newark youngsters inoculated."

In addition to Michelangelo, the campaign also includes radio announcements, extended clinic hours, the establishment of mobile satellite immunization clinics, flyers, posters, billboards on New Jersey Transit buses and other measures.

For more information about the free measles shots campaign and child immunization program, please contact Wallace at the Newark Health Department, 110 William Street (201-733-7590).

## NCSA Fall registration underway

**NEWARK**—The Newark Community School of the Arts (NCSA) announces that registration for their 91-92 Program has begun. Interested students or their parents should contact Doris Fajardo in the NCSA office at 201-642-0133 before Monday, September 16, 1991.

NCSA students are primarily children from the city of Newark, and from over 50 municipalities in the Metro Newark area. However, a good number of adults and even senior citizens can be found on the school roster.

The NCSA 91-92 Program offers study in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Music. It serves the beginner through the advanced student with special attention at individualized levels.

Dance students are offered instruction in Ballet, Jazz, Tap and Aerobics. The Drama course focuses on voice, improvisation, acting terminology, scene development and more. Visual Arts students will be taught all modes of drawing and painting. Music classes include lessons in guitar, voice (including Solfege instruction), piano, and a wide variety of other instruments. There is also ensemble participation for instru-

mentalists, and lessons in music theory.

The annual cost for the NCSA Program range from \$72 for ensemble, to \$468 for applied lessons in guitar, voice, and piano. Instruction is by members of the NCSA faculty, who come from nearly every continent of the globe and hold degrees from such prestigious schools as Juilliard, Moscow Conservatory, Manhattan School of Music, and many others.

Classes are scheduled from Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to the Davis Hall facility located at the NCSA facility in Newark, the Stella Lass Theatre at 186 Clinton Avenue is also utilized.

The Newark Community School of the Arts is located at 89 Lincoln Park in Newark. It is a community-based, non-profit organization committed to bringing creative and performing arts to people of all ages. Through instruction, performance, and participation, the school endeavors to enhance the lives of individuals, families, and the community. The School was founded in 1968. In 1990, it was awarded the "Excellence Award" of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

## Jiffy Lube sends kids to camp



100 inner-city Newark children spent a week at The Salvation Army's Camp Tecumseh, Major George Evans, Newark City Coordinator for The Salvation Army is seen standing with the children. The camp is part of the American Lubelists, a Northern Jiffy Lube franchise at the balloon launch, at The Salvation Army Newark West Side Corps Community Center, celebrating the campers departure. Thirty-one Jiffy Lubes from across the state are sending children from their neighborhoods to The Salvation Army's camp this summer.

## CAN'T TOUCH THIS Larry Larr: Dancin' with the Homeboys

by Terry Benjamin

17-year-old Larry Larr (Larry Hill) is a product of Philadelphia's growing rap community, a scene that has produced DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince, Steady B, Schoolly D, Ice Cream Tee, and Three Times Dope. His first group, The Wizards, included EST who left to form Three Times Dope. On "Da Wizard of Odds," Larry Larr's debut album, Chicago's own DJ Kool and Dope is executive producer. Kennedy is all in the family, EST also appears on "My Ace, My Pal, My Partner." But the light-hearted style of Larry Larr is what's prominent on this new LP.

Bragging and boasting is the dominant flavor on "Line 2 Line," "Rhyme 4 Rhyme," "Jazz It Up," "Keep On Y'all," "My Own Style," and "Doin' Right." The lyrics are great dance jams with biographical elements, giving listeners an idea where this rapper is coming from and where he is going.

Something a little different can be found on "My Ace, My Pal, My Partner" that features

Well, it's about time that I went for mine With the bassline making me swift with the rhyme

The L-A-R-R-Y back and ready to jam So guys grab a girl and girls grab a man Cause once I get finished, baby, rockin' this You'll be looking for somebody to dance with

**Larry, That's What They Call Me**  
**Larry Larr**

tapping from Kwame and EST. This rap symphony is rougher than anything on this album with its unnecessary profanity from Kwame and EST. Fortunately Larry Larr gets back to his lighter style on "Larry, That's What They Call Me" and "You Know What I'm Sayin'" where raps: "So let my flow as it flow solo/Off a fast beat that's smooth and allow/The pace is bumpy music jumpin'/You want more? Well, here's a little something..."

Also on the fun tip is "Lampin'," a track that introduces a new word into the rap lexicon. Cooling out on this track is Larry

After making his recording debut on "10 Little Sucker MC's" and "Make Ya S" on Three Times Dope's latest album, "Live From Acknickulus Land," Larry Larr is out to make a name for himself on "Da Wizard of Odds," a light hearted LP with inventive rapping and danceable tracks.

stuff. Caught in the middle of this three-way love affair, Larry Larr has: "I know he's got/but I can not be pretending I'm something I'm not/Cant buy you diamonds and all that junk but I can tell you 'I love you if that's what you want."

Another rap story is the street wise "D-O-O-D," that tells the story of a young person on crack.

On a more upbeat and humorous note is "Da Wizard of Odds," a retelling of the classic Wizard Of Oz but this time Dorothy and Toto are accompanied by two DJs. Putting a new slant on things Larry Larr sums it up this way: "Dorothy tapped her Gucci sneakers three times and she got home chill/The wicked witch collided with a 747 jet and busted her grill."

## Cosbys establish scholarship program

**WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA)**—Bill and Camille Cosby are delighted to announce the selection of the first winners of District of Columbia Cosby Scholars Program recipients.

The recipients include: three seniors from Ballou Senior High School, Angela Pruitt and Donald Tolley; and two students from Woodson Senior High School, Romai Huggins and Abigail Williams. The students were awarded full scholarships to a

tend at historically black institutions of their choice.

One young man and one young woman from each high school were drawn by lottery for the scholarships, which include full tuition and room and board. As Cosby Scholars, the students must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 during their first two years, and a GPA of 3.5 during junior and senior years to maintain their scholarships.

The D.C. Cosby Scholars

Program is part of the national campaign that Mr. and Mrs. Cosby began several years ago in an effort to provide educational scholarships for individuals and institutions around the world. Recently, three students from Montgomery High School in Montgomery, Ala. received awards from the Cosby Scholars Program. The Cosbys have also established scholarship programs at universities such as Shaw University in North Carolina,

Howard University in Washington, D.C., Temple University in Pennsylvania, Florida A&M University, and the University of Florida. Financial assistance for Washington residents is particularly important on a personal level to Mrs. Cosby, who is a native Washingtonian.

Mrs. Cosby says, "Economics do not dictate a level of intelligence. However, economics do dictate opportunity. Bill and I want to provide opportunities for these young people to excel."

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Community Affairs Team Members

Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Department of Community Affairs believes that involvement is the key to maintaining meaningful relationships with its community. PSEG offers volunteerism by the employees through programs that address economic development, education and youth development, affordable housing, housing rehabilitation and support to worthwhile organizations that address those issues.

Shirley Ward, Sr. Community Affairs Representative, John R. Smith, Community Affairs Manager and John Griffith are major players on the PSEG Community Affairs team.

They help direct resources to key community issues. The communities they serve through their work include seven of New Jersey's largest cities. Much of the community involvement is matching employee volunteers to community needs.

The Team wants to know what's needed to improve your community. Please write or call to get the power in your hands:

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21  
**PLAINFIELD** — Children's film program "The Red Balloon," at the Plainfield Public Library, 8th Street at Park Ave. from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (908) 757-1111.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24  
**PLAINFIELD** — Third Annual Watake We Africa Youth Festival at Plainfield Public Library Park on College Place from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Peace in the community, now or never. Rides, celebrities, vendors and more. For information call 908-754-9388.

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**CRAFORD** — "Astronomy for Kids," for children 8-12 years old thru October 19 at 10:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, call (609) 709-7601.

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## VIEW FROM

HHS

by  
Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.

Ten years after we learned about AIDS, for which there still is no cure and no preventive vaccine, the disease poses a major health threat to black and other minority communities.

Consider this sobering outlook: By the end of 1993, more than 125,000 black Americans, about one in every 250, will have been diagnosed with AIDS. Then most of us will have someone with AIDS in our family or acquaintances.

That alarming but conservative estimate assumes that blacks, just 12 percent of the U.S. population but a disproportionate 28 percent of the nation's reported AIDS cases (\$150,190 of 179,136 in May), will start reducing this epidemic in black communities. But today, the problem is growing — particularly among black women, children and teenagers. In fact, black youths represent a staggering 35.2 percent of all newly diagnosed AIDS cases. Nearly 40 percent of AIDS cases in the black community have resulted in one way or another from abuse of illegal drugs.

Cold numbers don't reflect the true impact AIDS is having on the black family and our communities — the terrible loss of contributions from talented individuals, the concern for children and the strain on an already overburdened health care system.

The federal government must help turn the tide in this battle. Toward that end, under my leadership the Public Health Service is increasing participation of blacks and other minorities in the 1991 AIDS research effort, budgeted at \$1.3 billion, and targeting more of the \$524 million AIDS education campaign directly to these groups.

## Newark Emergency Services for Families helped 3,622 people—and Kim

**NEWARK**—During the past year Newark Emergency Services for Families (NESF) helped over 25,000 clients. They needed food, clothing, shelter, and counseling as well as medical, utilities, rental, and other assistance. Over 10,000 of those families were headed by females — including Kim.

Most of us look at these numbers as just statistics. But there is a person behind each number and a story behind each person. The 2,623rd story here is an unusual one: It is about the unselfish behavior of one young woman and the staggering burden she took upon herself.

It is a story of amazing grace, or perhaps amazing loyalty or kindness. Any way you slice it, this is a story of how some people find the strength of character to go against the odds.

One morning last spring a client showed up at NESF. "Kim" was 28, responsible, and stable. Although she worked at a low-income, non-skilled job, she lived with her mother and was comfortable.

Kim had a cousin with 4 children, 3 girls and a boy age 8 to 13. The problem was that her parents found Kim's cousin unfit to raise the children and empowered the State Division of Youth and Family Services to place them in foster care. The children were devastated; no family member would take them in.

## 'New Beginning' for UCC

(Continued from page 1) college experience is available to every member of society," he said.

Displaying several blueprints, Dr. Brown pointed out that the 1.57 acres of land encompassed by the buildings will include 13 class rooms, new electrical and mechanical systems, two computer laboratories, an office systems technology laboratory, an academic learning center, a student lounge and recreation center, food services, faculty and administrative offices, and an expanded library when completed in August 1992.

In FY '92, Medicaid (federal share) and Medicare coverage plus Social Security assistance plus about \$1.79 billion. Government-wide FY '92 spending on AIDS-related activities will hit \$4.3 billion.

At the community level, we must recognize that AIDS is not someone else's problem. We have to talk more about it in our families, our schools, and our churches.

We must translate the AIDS messages about the dangers of unprotected sex into language that will be clear, direct, and convincing to our people. No one should be misled: At this point, preventing AIDS is the only way to survive the disease.

We need to motivate all those who have engaged in high-risk-prevented reforms...OAU has unthinkingly acknowledged the courage of the South African President. But...South Africa remains a deeply oppressed, unequal and divisive political system.

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NESF pitched in with rental assistance, located a refrigerator, with a promise of furniture when available.

At last report Kim was hanging on. She is a fighter and will find a way. That is how it is when you are a giant — when you are big enough to consign yourself to years of poverty so four young children can have a better life.

Are you, or perhaps a family member friend in a crisis? Are you hurting for clothes, food, or shelter? Perhaps you are a crime victim who needs assistance. Perhaps you need to talk to someone who knows the system, who can locate the resources you need and will refer you there. If so, do not fight it alone. We can help. Call Newark Emergency Services for Families' emergency hotline at 824-0013.

The college will offer Associate Degree programs in liberal arts, business, accounting/data processing, business management, and office systems technology as well as a certificate program in English as a second language through its Institute for Intensive English and a diploma program.

Also, a large number of non-credit courses will be offered.

While the renovations are taking place, UCC will be housed at Plainfield High School where classes in liberal arts, business, and the Institute for Intensive English will be offered.

"We will be at Plainfield High

## OAU condemns the lifting of sanctions

by Daniel Marolen

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UPI)—In July 11 press release, the Organization of African Unity condemned President George Bush's lifting of American economic sanctions against South Africa.

The full text of the statement of General Ibrahim Babangida, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and the current Chairman of the OAU, read: "We have received news of the decision taken by President Bush ending sanctions against South Africa. That announcement ends four years of Congressional insistence not to have dealings with an oppressive and unequal system. It also undermines a shining portion of American-African policy which doggedly represented all that was best in America — the abhorrence of man's inhumanity to man. In the light of that, the announcement by the U.S. President is a most unwelcome development.

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School and we will still be in Plainfield," Dr. Brown said. "Union County College is your community college and we're here for you and you will see it today."

UCC's Plainfield unit began with only a single classroom in a classroom at a Union Street facility in 1970. Leaving the city for 10 years in 1976, it returned in 1986 to its present locale, the former home of the Courier-News.

The project is being seen as a major step toward solidifying the college's commitment to an inner city, initially focusing on the suburban localities of Cranford and

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Finally, the press release said, "The lifting of sanctions by the United States government provides a strong incentive for a follow-down in the reform process..."

The Organization of African Unity included its position press release by calling on the whole African continent, along with all lovers of human freedom, to maintain their

resolve and vigilance until the goals of justice, racial equality, and democracy, based on one-man-one-vote were finally achieved in South Africa.

To this end, the OAU ad-hoc committee on Southern Africa would meet soon in Abuja to consider the most appropriate way to support the struggle in the present circumstances.

Despite President Bush's lifting of the economic sanctions against South Africa, and that country's return to the Olympic Games fold, the time-long struggle against apartheid continues with vim and verve and determination inside and outside South Africa, and around the world. It will go on until the demise of apartheid...

## Consumer affairs warns of new loan scam moving across country

NEWARK — Attorney General Robert J. Del Tufo and Acting Consumer Affairs Director Jan C. Gavzy warned New Jerseyans to be on the watch for questionable loan offers being made by companies calling themselves financial loan sources firm.

Consumers in other states are being led to believe that they can obtain immediate, low interest loans by paying an advance fee ranging from \$250 to \$350. Once this fee is paid, the consumers never receive their loan and cannot get a refund of the advance fee. A recent flood of inquiries and several complaints from out-of-state consumers about New Jersey firms alerted the division to the problem and prompted the division to investigate.

"While our investigation is focusing on complaints from out-of-state consumers, our goal is to alert New Jersey citizens to this new scam before it becomes a major problem in our state. New financial consumers should be very skeptical of similar easy-to-get loans being offered by out-of-state firms," said Gavzy.

According to Gavzy, consumers in other states are responding to classified ads in their local newspapers advertising loans ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000. The consumers call an 800 number in New Jersey. A company representative often asks for the consumer's social security number, address and financial history and then calls back within a few minutes to advise the consumer that he or she has been pre-approved or guaranteed.

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teed a loan, often at a relatively low interest rate. The consumer is then asked to send \$250 to \$350 in advance to secure the loan. Thirty-five out-of-state consumers have complained that they sent the money and never received the loan or a refund from the New Jersey company, said Gavzy.

These types of companies are particularly dangerous because they target those who are most in need and can least afford to lose their money: the unemployed, senior citizens, those with low-income and those who have declared bankruptcy," said Attorney Del Tufo.

The division's investigation began in June, after the division received a number of consumer inquiries about these loan offers from out-of-state consumers. Since then, the division's Office of Consumer Protection has received an average of 15 calls per day from out-of-state residents asking about New Jersey firms advertising loans. The state's investigation is focusing on possible violations of the Consumer Fraud Act which prohibits fraud, misrepresentation or false promises in the sale of services or products in New Jersey.

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1. Find out more about the loan

company. Call the Division of Consumer Affairs Action Line at 201-548-3295 to find out if there have been any complaints against the company. Also call the consumer affairs of Better Business Bureau in the city and state where the company is located. But remember, the fact that there are no complaints filed does not guarantee there will be no problems.

2. Be very skeptical about any company that immediately guarantees you a loan or claims you have been pre-approved for a loan. Legitimate loan institutions carefully screen loan applicants before approving loans. This process usually takes more than just an hour or two. Few legitimate loan companies take the information over the phone.

3. Demand detailed information about the loan, especially the repayment terms, in writing. Make sure you understand the terms thoroughly before you commit.

4. Do not pay any money in advance of receiving a loan until you have carefully reviewed the written information. Does the information tell you what happens if you do not receive the loan?

5. Do not be pressured into making an immediate decision. The more high-pressure and hard-sell tactics are used, the more skeptical you should become.

New Jersey consumers who have been victims of out-of-state companies offering loans should notify the Office of Consumer Protection, 201-648-3622.

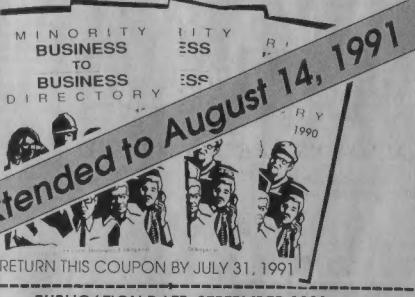
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# CITY LIFE

## BILLBOARD

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

**NEWARK—**Newark Student Theater Society presents "West Side Story," "Annie," "The Sound of Music," "Oliver," "Les Misérables," and others at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, 246 Woodlawn Ave., at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (201) 643-4556.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

**NEWARK—**Newark Symphony Hall presents "Jazz Thursday" with the Jr. Cool Quartet. Admission \$5 which includes light buffet. For more information, call (201) 643-8009 or (201) 643-4550.

**TRENTON—**The Players' Company presents "Stories About The Old Days," at the Mill Hill Theatre at Front and Montgomery Streets from August 25. For more information, call (609) 396-4425.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

**ENGLEWOOD—**Network—with the Amiad Group—presents from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Hotel Atlantic Plaza, 290 Atlantic Avenue, tickets \$12, \$15 at door. For more information, call (201) 373-2300, 307-0001 or 558-1287.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

**NEWARK—**Newark Symphony Hall presents "Jazz Thursday" with the Arthur Blythe & Group. Admission \$5 which includes light buffet. For more information, call (201) 643-8009 or (201) 643-4550.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

**NEWARK—**WBOO FM 102.5 and the City of Newark, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, "Jazz in Washington Park" with Jerry Gonzalez & His Fort Apache Band. For more information, call (201) 624-8880 or (201) 733-6454.

**WOODBURY—**Baron's Art Center, 582 Rahway Ave., will be presenting Guitars Margie, Ron. For more information, call (201) 634-0413.

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## Robert Cray: singing from the soul, singing to the world

by Judith L. Guest

When *The Forecast Calls For Rain*, rhythm and blues singer, Robert Cray has a way of tuning things sunny-side up.

You can't go wrong with this predictor. Cray has been a deserving recipient of at least two Grammy Awards, and has had several albums that have gone Platinum or Gold. Cray's latest album bearing the Polygram label is titled, *Midnight Stroll*. The album features The Memphis Horns and of course the rich sound of The Robert Cray Band that he has been performing with since 1974.

This Georgia native's unique style of singing the Blues is a far cry from misery. No matter how many times we've been down on our luck or too *Bull-headed* to heed the pitfalls of a romance: Cray successfully *Schools* us to the *Down Home*'s in an acceptable way to digest.

Cray may wall about the *Consequences of Infidelity*, but there is no doubt that his faithfulness is devoted to his numerous guitars.

If you have a discriminate taste for some soulful sounds, then Robert Cray is the one to lend your ears to. Cray is an unyielding energy source on stage. Concertgoers of all ages will find it virtually impossible not to allow it to his rhythm. Cray's influences have been influenced by James Brown, Jimi Hendrix, Howlin' Wolf, and other countless Greats.

Cray appeared in Chuck Berry's Tribute Film "Hail, Hail Rock N' Roll" and was a warm welcome guest in Tina Turner's international television special, "Break Every Rule."

Robert Cray is a genuine crowd pleaser who has whirled

winded just about every Community. However, all is not necessarily calm on the home front, especially where there's a possibility of Blacks abandoning the Blues. Today's black listeners are far and few between, and make up an extremely small percentage of total audiences.

According to an article in Essence magazine, Cray concludes: "Black people know the music is still here. It just seems everybody is trying to avoid it. They're just denying the Blues

ever existed because they remind people of the bad times and sad songs."

Relax and engulf yourself in Cray's down to earth and soothing sound of intense emotion.

The Blues has intrigued many for decades and its about time we all reacquaint ourselves with its realities and reclaim part of our culture.

Robert Cray is appearing at the Garden State Art Center this weekend.



*Robert Cray*

## NAACP meets officials

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both the board of education and Superintendent Frank Napier Jr. against the ropes with charges of financial and administrative mismanagement during the same period.

Immediately after an expected vote, on August 7, of approval by the State Board of Education for a state-operated district, Superintendent Napier and all top administrators will lose their positions; the incumbent school board will be disbanded. But administrators/educators with tenure in the system could choose to remain in principals or teachers capacities. Persi says, "If parents or schoolchildren there would be no immediate effect on holding principals and classroom teachers at the start of the schoolyear."

A few in the audience expressed concerns about an appointed advisory board of 15, without any vested authority, that would replace the currently elected board of education. "Are members on the advisory board going to be people with children in public schools, not in private schools?" asked Quintina Alexander. An ap-

parent absence of "merit" in a largely state-appointed advisory board was a concern of Sam Mack, first Vice-President of the local of NAACP.

Such an advisory board need not be ineffective and a relationship of "mutual trust" with a new director superintendent is achievable. "A superintendent who will be visible, to students, to classroom teachers, students and parents."

As the state's high-ranking official spoke, visibly displaying on an easel was the State Department of Education's resolution's statement that holds: "We believe that each child, parent, district staff and community member receives the knowledge and skills essential for his or her development as healthy, productive human beings."

At one point during a question and answer period, parent Ricky Gist responded that some in Paterson still suspect the imminent takeover was motivated by career opportunism and racism.

"Someone has to kick the dog, and if the dog has my name written on it...," Persi replied.

## As I See It...

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school to roaming the streets... These parents also have no objections to homework. They may be unable to help with homework. They may be unable to help with homework because curricula has changed drastically in the last decade, but monitoring is still done the old fashioned way. You look and ask questions and parents are especially good in this area."

Hopefully John Ellis will be just as vigilant and determined for kids to get a good educational foundation in other systems throughout the state that bear watching and when he finds a system tottering on the brink of failure, he will step in as forthrightly as he has done in Paterson.

If things have been quiet in Newark, she had her work, it's because Mayor Sharpe James and his Civic Assn. are sponsoring their annual "Vacation-with-the-Mayor" and many city hallers are part of the group vacationing in the Bahamas.

Moving from the group this time around was Lenoy and Dolores Metz who decided to celebrate their second wedding anniversary at a party for two in their new University Heights condo. Way to go.

## The Power is in your hands!



### Our Presidential Award Winner

Public Service Electric & Gas is putting the power in the communities' hands. PSEG is fully committed to volunteerism in New Jersey. PSEG employees invest over 200,000 hours each year in volunteer service. The result... neighborhoods, communities improve through self-help.

Elizabeth Flood, a PSEG employee, exemplifies the spirit of the company's commitment to volunteerism. This spring

President George Bush presented her with the 1991 Volunteer Action Award. This is the nation's top award for

volunteerism. Ms. Flood has assisted hundreds of neighbors' children through the recreation center she established at The Garden Spires housing complex in Newark.

She and her family serve dinner each year to more than 500 homeless. She lectures in schools, churches and libraries on the African-American self-help tradition of working together to make life better.

You too can have the power in your hands...

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## Business Exchange...

by William Reed

Miami, FL (NNPA)—The Caribbean countries of Cuba and Jamaica celebrated the triumphant visit of former jailed black leader, Nelson Mandela, less than a hundred miles up the coast another leader in the international black community continued to languish in jail in Miami without any fans or favors. Winnie Mandela, convicted of a felony crime under the South African justice system, stood at the side of Mandela all during his visit near these shores, a black of similar stature who has been convicted of no crime, other than being racially and religiously different, is being denied the ability to post bond and be free to continue his faith and business practices under the American system.

Yahweh Ben Yahweh would probably not like being called a "Jew," instead he would prefer the label of Hebrew Isrealite. But, he has exhibited many of the stereotypes normally associated with those of Jews. Yahweh Ben Yahweh came to Miami 12-years ago with little more than the clothes on his back and a new message of hope for the Black

Man. In typical Jewish, self-help fashion, Yahweh Ben Yahweh, and his followers, have more than 1000 acres of properties and business holdings in Miami and across the nation, totaling almost a quarter of a billion dollars. In unity and enterprise, Yahweh Ben Yahweh and the Nation of Yahweh have acted like many successful Jews have, done business like so many of them have done around the world. In bonding and bondage, they cite historical links back to the original land of Israel.

An excellent model in lifting

up one's own bootstraps for the African-American community to follow, the Black Jews of Yahweh did not ask the government "to give them nothing," their model was, "open up the door and let us in." In the early 1980's they did, in fact, go and get it themselves. They got hotels, motels, apartment buildings, supermarkets, furniture, and auto repair shops to service their community, and even obtained a beachfront resort hotel on famed Miami Beach.

Many inside and out of the sect think that it was the move to fashionable Miami Beach that

will not allow Yahweh Ben Yahweh rights to bail and freedom while he awaits trial.

Yahweh Ben Yahweh has exhibited a trust in the traditions of America and its free-enterprise system. He took a group of African Americans with little hope and taught them discipline, skills and the American Dream.

## 'New Beginning' for UCC

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making the day a reality.

"We had a dream — for many in the Scholars Program they wanted to be guilty. But the question before that which should cause all Americans alarm is, 'Why have they held the man and his group in jail for over 9 months with no possibility of bail?' What most black Americans consider a 'horrid' system of justice in South Africa, has allowed Winnie Mandela to travel the world since her conviction, while she awaits new hearings and sentencing. But what we assume to be a better system of justice for blacks here in America

His dream of legal and economic justice has turned into a nightmare similar to that of Mr. Mandela for 25 years. Black Americans of conscience should take note of this Black Jew, his successes within the system, and take steps to assure that he gets his just dues under just processes of the system.

## Stand Up

(Continued from page 4) are Black adults beyond our families who told us that we were valued and important. More church mentoring programs, Big Sister and Big Brother programs can do so today. They mean the difference between success and failure for child. So take the time to help one child.

The odds against personal or professional success are stacked mightily against thousands of Black children whose needs and talents are often unmet. Depressed needs. We cannot afford to lose any child who may have the potential to become the next Colin Powell or Thurgood Marshall or John Singleton.

"Boyz N The Hood" is a powerful portrayal of the undesired war at home that is destroying and wasting our young. Parents should take their teenagers to this movie and discuss its messages — that drugs, crime and violence lead nowhere.

"Boyz N The Hood" is one more testament for them. We cannot wait for the Black community and nation to recognize that Black children and families face the worst crisis since slavery.

## CITY BUSINESS

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MIAMI, FL (NNPA)—The Caribbean countries of Cuba and Jamaica celebrated the triumphant visit of former jailed black leader, Nelson Mandela, less than a hundred miles up the coast another leader in the international black community continued to languish in jail in Miami without any fans or favors. Winnie Mandela, convicted of a felony crime under the South African justice system,

stood at the side of Mandela all during his visit near these shores, a black of similar stature who has been convicted of no crime, other than being racially and religiously different, is being denied the ability to post bond and be free to continue his faith and business practices under the American system.

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## Plainfield athlete wins bodybuilding championship

POINT PLEASANT — Robert Allen of Plainfield won the Gladiator Suits Muscle Beach Bodybuilding Championship held two weeks ago at Point Pleasant Borough High School before

1,000 spectators.

Allen, 42, competed in the class where he won the right to compete in the masters division finals. He was one of over 70 participants in the event.

Other highlights of the event included guest appearances by former Philadelphia Eagles Quarterback Ron Jaworski and guest poser Sandy Ridell, the favorite to win bodybuilding's most prestigious title of Ms. Olympia later this year. Spectators were also treated to a fashion show by Gladiator Suits and a health and fitness exhibit.

The Gladiator Suits Muscle Beach Bodybuilding Championship was sanctioned by the National Physique Committee.



## It's fight time

(Clockwise from top left) Adam "G MAN" Garland (rt) of Piscataway, attacks body of Melvin Wynn of Georgia, with a hard left, slowing Wynn to a stop of the 3rd round for Garland's 19th win against one lost on August 2, at the Quality Inn in Newark.

William "BO" James (rt), a Newark firefighter, connects with a savage body shot and winning Junior Middleweight battle over Eric Holland of Philadelphia.

USA Cruiserweight Champion, Alfred "ICEMAN" Cole (rt) of Newark, bounces a straight right hand off the head of Frankie Swindell of Tennessee at the Taj Mahal Casino in Atlantic City on July 25. Cole went on to win with an 11th round technical knockout to retain his title.



## Hoop game targets youth

NEWARK — South Ward Councilman Donald Bradley will sponsor the 2nd Annual Arthur "Rookie" Johnson Future Star Roundball Basketball Classic on Thursday, August 15, 1991 at Malcolm X. Shabazz High School.

Rookie Johnson, a sportscaster for Gateway Cable Television, relishes the opportunity to serve as a role model in Newark by giving back to the City, which he was born and raised. Rookie states, "I'm very grateful and appreciative of the support given to by Councilman Bradley's staff and Gateway Cable Television. Councilman Donald Bradley is the key figure responsible in bringing recreation back to the City of Newark, when others did not consider it a priority."

Johnson has fought long and hard for young people who need positive outlets for their energies. He said, "he recognizes this event as a positive deterrent against drugs, crime and violence that young people often engage in, because they do not have enough viable alternatives."

Councilman Bradley said activities such as the Arthur "Rookie" Johnson Roundball Classic puts our youth in the limelight and gives them a chance to showcase their talents. Johnson added that his classic gives the inner-city youths the exposure and visibility they rightfully deserve."

There will be two exciting All-Star games both receiving exclusive coverage from Gateway Cable Television. The elementary games will start at 6:00 p.m., featuring the Newark Board of Education All-Stars vs St. Rose's. The high school game which follows will showcase some of the top players in the United States. It tips off at approximately 7:30 p.m.; added attractions include a slam dunk contest during half-time. The roundball classic is free and everyone is encouraged to come out and support our youths.

## Vernon Jordan

(Continued from page 1) coach who also boasts of close personal ties to both Republican President Bush and Secretary of State James Baker, is considered a shoo-in for the post.

Jordan, a former president of the National Urban League who joined Akim Gump in 1981 at Strauss invitation, has also been named to Akim Gump's two main governing committees, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Akin Gump also has offices in several cities in Texas. Its partnership average income annually is \$395,000.



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